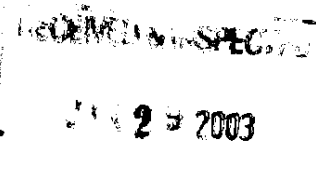


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Michael Powell, Chair
The Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Media regulation: *Strengthen* Rules on Media Ownership: Do Not De-Regulate

Dear Mr. Powell

The FCC's proposal to weaken media ownership rules is a dangerous threat to freedom of the press in America and to the survival of our democracy

Concentrated ownership of the media has already resulted in the loss of most reporting of foreign news, a dumbing-down and sensationalizing of domestic news reporting, and domination of many broadcast outlets by right-wing propagandists posing as journalists

No people can be both ignorant and free

Please do not weaken ownership controls; instead, strengthen them and require users of the public airwaves to engage in responsible journalism in return for their highly-lucrative broadcast licenses

Sincerely,

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